

## **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 21ST 2020**

*Purpose: To promote human rights, personal dignity, and positive relations between all residents and visitors to the Town of Maynard.*

**Meeting Date:** Monday September 21st 2020, 7pm

**Location:** Zoom

### **Members Present:**

Chris DiSilva (Selectboard Liaison)

Kathleen FitzGerald (Co-Chair)

Michael Lisasa

Caroline Mahiti

Michael Noble (Police Chief)

Eliot Prisby (Clerk)

Rachel Tryba (Co-Chair)

### **Guests:**

Lynda Thayer

Shionneka Warren

Veronica Zolina

### **I. Call to Order/Land Acknowledgment**

- A. Called to order at 7:04pm by Ms. Tryba.
- B. Explanation of online meeting rules by Ms. Tryba.
- C. Land acknowledgment by Ms. FitzGerald.

### **II. Approval of Minutes for August 16th 2020 Meeting**

- A. Mr. Prisby motioned to approve minutes for the August 16th 2020 meeting. Ms. FitzGerald seconded. Chief Noble abstained due to not having received the notes.

### **III. Public Comments**

- A. Ms. Thayer introduced herself and thanked the group for their work.
- B. Ms. Zolina introduced herself.

### **IV. Old Business: Response from Board of Health re. Railroad St. and REMAP Grant**

- A. **REMAP Grant:** Ms. FitzGerald has not heard back regarding the REMAP grant, and thus assumes that Maynard did not receive the grant. She encourages the committee to look into the educational programs that the grant offered.
- B. **Railroad Street:** The committee reviewed correspondence from Kelly Pawluczonek from the Maynard Board of Health. The committee will invite Assistant Town Administrator Megan Zammuto to the next meeting to help facilitate communication between the Human Relations Committee and the Board of Health.

**V. New Business: Community Discussion Item: “Segregated by Design” and “One Home: A Lifetime of Impact”**

- A. The committee discussed the video “Segregated by Design” by Richard Rothstein and “One Home: A Lifetime of Impact” by Michele Lerner.

**VI. New Business: Black Lives Matter Protests**

- A. The committee discussed the weekly Black Lives Matter protests taking place on Sundays in Maynard.
- B. Chief Noble suggested the committee come up with something positive to do for the community. The committee will brainstorm ideas on a shared document to discuss at the next meeting.

**VII. Adjourn**

- A. Ms. FitzGerald motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Ms. Tryba seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.